

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1278 - SB 1205

March 26, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Department of Tourist Development, the Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Department of Economic and Community Development to study and develop, within existing resources, a plan to promote adventure tourism and other activities in rural areas. Authorizes off-highway vehicles to be driven on any street or highway designated for such purpose and within the boundaries of an adventure tourism district.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$57,600/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Directing an agency to use existing resources to perform a new function does not eliminate the fiscal impact of performing the new function since a new function that has a cost will reduce the agency's reversion or will require creation of additional position to perform duties of staff who have been redirected to the new function.
- According to the Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD), the expertise necessary to complete the study requirements in this bill do not exist within the department. The department will require one additional temporary staff person with a salary of \$33,835 and benefits of \$13,226 resulting in a one-time increase to state expenditures of \$47,061.
- Developing an adventure tourism plan will require travel for the department resulting in a one-time increase to state expenditures of \$10,566.
- The total one-time increase to state expenditures will be \$57,627 (\$47,061 + \$10,566).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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